

REMARKS:

In the foregoing amendments, previously presented claims 1-6 and 8-18 were canceled and respectively replaced with new claims 19-35. The new claims were presented in place of a marked-up version of the previously presented claims due to the numerous editorial changes that were made to the claims. The editorial changes in the new claims delineate that the state change indication mark can be a caution mark, which caution mark need not be initially displayed on the display screen, but the caution mark is displayed on the display screen when an abnormality in the state of the working machine occurs that is independent of operator input. The foregoing amendments were made to clarify what was already implied in applicant's claims and these amendments are not narrowing amendments and were not made for reasons substantially related to patentability presented. For all these reasons, applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b) for the purposes of placing the application in condition for allowance or for the purposes of appeal.

Applicant desires to express thanks to Examiner Ba Huynh for the courtesies extended the undersigned in a personal interview on September 12, 2006. During the interview, the prior art rejection and possible claim amendments were discussed along the lines set forth in the Interview Summary, mailed October 4, 2006. In addition, the examiner commented that the display of a new mark, such as mark 33 or 34 shown in Fig. 1B of the present application, does not appear to be suggested in the cited prior art. In the foregoing amendments, applicant's claims were amended to define that a caution mark (previously defined as a state change indication mark in applicant's claims), which is not displayed on the screen while there is no change in the state of the working vehicle, is displayed on the screen when an abnormality in the state of the working

machine occurs that is independent of operator input in place of one of the state indication marks, the latter of which is removed from the display screen.

Claims 19-35 are in the application for consideration by the examiner. In the outstanding Office action, applicant's claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent No. 5,648,755 of Yagihashi *et al.* (Yagihashi) in view of U.S. patent No. 5,847,704 of Hartman. This rejection is set forth on pages 2-5 of the Official action. Applicants believe that the presently claimed invention is patently distinguishable from the teachings of Yagihashi and Hartman at least for the reasons set forth in the response filed on April 17, 2006. In addition, applicant respectfully submits the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the teachings of Yagihashi and Hartman.

The outstanding Office action acknowledged that Yagihashi fails to teach that the "made indicative" indicators are displayed at a predetermined location, which replace the made "unindicative" indicators; and that the made "unindicative" indicators can no longer be viewed on the display. In the outstanding Office action, the teachings of Hartman were cited as teaching the display of enlarged made "indicative" marks, which replace the made "unindicative" marks; and the made "unindicative" marks are no longer viewed on the display. Even if it is assumed that these positions are correct, applicant respectfully submits that the teachings of Yagihashi and Hartman did not disclose or suggest the basic structure and resulting workings of the presently claimed invention. For example, present claim 19 defines a display device for a working machine comprising, *inter alia*:

a display screen displaying a plurality of state indication marks, one of the state indication mark switching to an unindicative state when a change occurs in a

state of the working vehicle; and when switched to the unindicative state, the one state indication mark no longer being viewed on the display screen; and

a caution mark (or state change indication mark) indicating an abnormality in the state of the working machine, the caution mark not being displayed on the display screen while there is no change in the state of the working vehicle;

wherein, while the state of the working machine makes no change, the plurality of state indication marks being displayed in the display screen in the indicative state, and

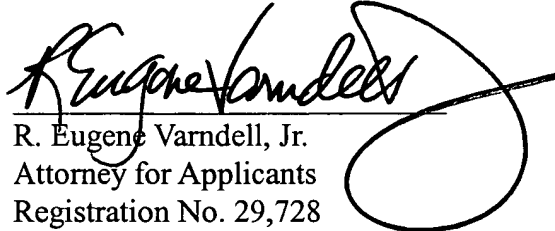
wherein, when an abnormality in the state of the working machine occurs that is independent of operator input; the one state indication mark, as displayed in one display segment in the display screen, is switched to the unindicative state (i.e., it can no longer be seen on the display) and the caution mark is displayed in the one display segment (i.e. the caution mark replaces one state indication mark).

All the present claims include structures and arrangements similar to or identical to that described above for claim 19. The teachings of neither Yagihashi nor Hartman disclose or suggest these structures and arrangements of applicant's claims. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that the inventions defined in claims 19-35 are patently distinguishable from the teachings of Yagihashi and Hartman for at least these reasons.

For at least the foregoing reason, a formal allowance of claims 19-35 is respectfully requested. While it is believed that all the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, should the examiner have any comments or questions, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be telephoned at the below listed number to resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee therefor, as well as any other fees which become due, may be charged to our deposit account No. 50-1147.

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